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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN POST SHIPMENT END-USE ON LICENSE
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¶1. In response to reftel request, Econoff conducted a site visit of Custom Aeronautical Support (CAS) located in Christchurch on August 26 and met with company director Greg Gaba and sales manager Emma Niu. CAS is physically located in a relatively small but modern and secure building in an industrial park outside Christchurch. CAS has been at this location since 2005. The facility consists of a well-organized warehouse holding spare airplane and helicopter parts along with an office consisting of five full-time employees. Records are kept both electronically and in paper files and are well organized. CAS primarily deals in supplying spare parts to small to medium size commercial aircraft in New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakastain and Taiwan. CAS developed a business relationship with Aerospace Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) in Taiwan to supply spare parts for Fokker aircraft used by Taiwan Air Force.

¶2. AIDC approached CAS and asked company if it could supply 13 ea. SHIM (part no. 16L401-21). CAS does not normally stock this item so it contacted MAC Aerospace Corp. in Chantilly VA as a source for the part. MAC consigned the shipment to Union Transport Inc. (UTI) located at Carson Town Center, Los Angeles, California on April 3, 2008. According to Mr. Gaba and Ms. Niu of CAS, the parts were shipped direct from UTI in Los Angeles to AIDC in Taiwan for use by the Taiwan Air Force. There were no shipments to nor storage in Christchurch facility. CAS has provided Econoff with copies of invoices, payments and shipping records of the transaction which will be emailed separately to the PM/DTTC Blue Lantern coordinator. CAS acknowledges that it does not have extensive experience in purchasing items on restricted United States Munitions List but expressed its intent to cooperate fully with requirements and said they would happily seek guidance for future purchases and shipments. Please let Embassy know if there is any additional information which may be helpful in satisfying this Blue Lantern request.

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